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**PERSONS CERTIFIED ELIGIBLE
FOR MEDI-CAL
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Estimates^{/1/} are based on the preliminary number of eligibles reported in the attached reports and are necessary in order to account for retroactive eligibility determinations, county-issued cards, and other adjustments. These estimates may be revised, as additional information becomes available.

TOTAL MEDI-CAL PROGRAM

The estimated number of persons certified eligible for Medi-Cal totaled 6,323,600 in October 2002. The increase from a year ago is 9.7 percent, while the increase from last month is 0.9 percent.

MEDI-CAL PROGRAM	THIS MONTH	LAST ^{/2/} MONTH	YEAR AGO	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
				LAST MONTH	YEAR AGO
TOTAL	6,323,600	6,265,100	5,761,997	0.9	9.7
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	2,777,800	2,789,300	2,839,519	-0.4	-2.2
MEDICALLY NEEDY ^{/3/}	2,742,600	2,684,000	2,233,981	2.2	22.8
MEDICALLY INDIGENT ^{/3/}	155,800	150,600	127,539	3.5	22.2
ALIENS/REFUGEES ^{/4/}	252,600	251,000	222,751	0.6	13.4
OTHER ^{/5/}	394,800	390,200	338,207	1.2	16.7
HCP ENROLLEES ^{/6/}	2,667,626	2,660,167	2,424,066	0.3	10.0

/1/ Because the current eligibility data like those shown in the appended tables are incomplete, historical lag factors have been applied to produce the above estimates.

/2/ Revised Estimate.

/3/ Excludes Medically Needy/Medically Indigent Aliens without satisfactory immigration status.

/4/ Includes persons with Refugee/Entrant assistance special aid codes and aliens eligible under OBRA 1986 legislation.

/5/ Other includes persons eligible under: a) the Special Dialysis Program; b) the Total Parenteral Nutrition Program; c) effective July 1989, the Income Disregard Program for pregnant women and infants with income under 185 Percent of Poverty (increased to 200 % poverty effective October 1989); d) effective January 1990, the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program; e) effective April 1990, the 133 Percent of Poverty Program for children under age six; d) effective July 1991, the 100 Percent Poverty Program for children age six and over born after September 30, 1983, effective March 1998, expanded to all children under age 19; and e) effective July, 1994, the Tuberculosis Program

/6/ Health Care Plan (HCP) enrollees include Medi-Cal eligibles enrolled in qualified or provisional health maintenance organizations and other HCPs as part of the Medi-Cal Managed Care Program (excluding County Organized Health Systems and the Primary Care Case Management program). The counts are shown separately, but these eligibles are also included in the above aid category distributions. Historical lag factors have not been applied to the HCP enrollee counts and therefore they are not estimated.

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The Persons Certified Eligible for Medi-Cal monthly Preliminary table showing eligible counts by county and aid category is no longer available in this report. To get this information off the internet go to the California Department of Health Services, Medical Care Statistics Section, Medi-Cal Beneficiary Counts Pivot Table web page at: http://www.dhs.ca.gov/mcss/RequestedData/Monthly_Elig/monthly_elig.htm.